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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-13, 15-17, 19-23, 25-27, 29 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 and 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-9, 15-17, 19-23, 25-27, 29, and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4, 7-13, 15-17, 19-23, 25-27, 29, and 30 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 10, 16, 20, 23, and 27 have been amended in this communication filed 11/03/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Action.
2. The objection to the drawings and Specification has been overcome by the amendments to the Specification and is hereby withdrawn.
3. The claim objections have been overcome by the amendment to the claims and is hereby withdrawn.
4. The 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections for claim 10 has been overcome by Applicants' amendment and is hereby withdrawn. However, the 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection for claims 4, 20, and 27 has not been overcome and these claims still remain rejected as set forth here below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 4, 16, 20, and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are as follows: Claim 4 recites the limitation "first manager component" in line 7, page 3. This claim limitation needs "the first manager component in one of the claim limitations. Claim 16 recites a first group of network computing devices". This claim need the recitation of this limitation again in the body of the claim. Claim 20 recites the

limitations "backup cells" and "plurality of network computing devices". This claim needs "backup cells" and "plurality of network computing devices" in the other claim limitations. Claim 27 has a similar problem.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "a manager component" in claim limitation 3 and again in claim limitation 4. "A manager component" in the fourth claim limitation next to the last line of the claim should be "the manager component". Claims 20, 23, and 27 have a similar problem. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 10 and dependent claims 11-13 and 15 are allowed.

8. Claims 1, 4, 16, 20, 23, and 27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 2, 3, 7-9, 11-13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 would be allowable if the 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections of the base claims were overcome as set forth in this Office action.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicants' reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Inquiries

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741.

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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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January 20, 2007


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